Yucca Weekly Update

Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet. **January 15, 2010**

Glitter & Glow Block Party, This Saturday!

Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 16, from 4-10 p.m. with fun for the whole family including free admission and free parking! For more information, call our Special Events Hotline at (623) 930-2299. Read more.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Notice. City of Glendale offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

For all households whose scheduled garbage and recycling service falls on or after the holiday, city sanitation crews will provide service on the following day. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's Sanitation services, please call (623) 930-2660. Click here for the Sanitation holiday collection schedule.

Buses will run the normal weekday schedule. Gus the Bus route will only operate on one route. Dial-a-Ride will operate on a reservation-only basis. Reservations must be made by noon Friday, Jan. 15. For details about the holiday transit schedule, please call (623) 930-3500.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Visitor Center.

While the Glendale Municipal Airport will remain open during the holiday, the airport's administrative offices will be closed.

However, the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will be open on this holiday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Citrus Zestival at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department's Citrus Zestival presented by Watermill Express celebrates Sahuaro Ranch Park's citrus heritage with citrus-related activities.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Admission is free and features citrus-themed entertainment, cooking demonstrations, a bake-off, exhibits, historic home tours, and an opportunity to pick your own citrus from the park's grapefruit and orange trees.

Bring a homemade citrus baked good for the Citrus Zestival Bake-Off Contest. A panel of local guest judges will evaluate the entries. First through third place will receive ribbons and recognition at the event, and on the Sahuaro Ranch Park historic Area web site. There is no entry fee for the contest, but registration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The event will also feature the debut of the Centennial Cookbook called "A Taste of Glendale - 100 years in the Making," which will include recipes from Glendale's people and history.

The Glendale Ambassadors will also be providing a community breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the venue. The breakfast is $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information call (623) 930-4200.

Glendale University 101. Applications for the Spring 2010 semester of Glendale University (GU) "101" are now being accepted.

This free educational program is open to Glendale residents who are 16 or older and want to learn more about the operations of municipal government. GU classes will be on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The 10-session course begins on March 1 and ends

May 3, 2010. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the ten classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city including, but not limited to finance, library, police and fire services. Most classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street.

Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. Registrations for Glendale University 101 are due by Feb. 19, 2010. To register or for more information, click here or call (623) 930-2868.

Middle School Homework Club. Math seems to be the subject that gives more students problems than any other topic. At least, that is what the tutors for the Middle School Homework Club have seen.

Every Monday, from 3:30-5:50 p.m., sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are invited to come to Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., to get free extra help with homework from teachers at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School and students taking part in the Future Teachers Academy at Ironwood High School.

Tutors can assist with reading, writing and other topics. For more information, call Glendale Main Library Youth Desk at (623) 930-3537.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 for the city's "Shred It and Forget It" event. This free "drive-thru" event is designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site, free of charge. Law Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents with the shredding of up to three boxes (banker-size) of personal documents from 9 a.m. until noon (or the trucks get full) at the Target Store located at 10404 North 43rd Avenue. Event participation is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

Foothills Health Fair. The annual Foothills Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

This is an opportunity to gain interesting and valuable health and wellness information for all ages from children to mature adults. A variety of local health-related companies and organizations will have informational booths and provide services such as free chair massages and blood pressure checks.

For more information, click here or call (623) 930-4608.

Author Betty Web. Scottsdale author Betty Webb will be a special guest of the 58th Avenue Book Club at 10 a.m. on Jan. 25 at the Velma Teague Branch, 7010 N. 58th Ave, when she discusses her newest book, "Desert Lost." For more information, call (623) 930-3431 and press "5."

Financing Your Small Business. The Small Business Administration (SBA) Workshop: How to Finance Your Small Business will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Catherine Lease, Lender Relations Specialist and a 21-year SBA employee, will provide the necessary information in understanding how to apply for small business loans (see www.sba.gov). Call 602-745-7231 to register for this free program.

Live at the Library. Alaskan Piano Man – Dave Manning performs at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28 in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information about Live at the Library, call (623) 930-3573.

Touch-A-Truck. Help us celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ever popular Touch-A-Truck event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, February 27 at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave. It's fun for the entire family and educational too! Come out, look at, sit in and Touch-A-Truck of all sizes. Souvenirs and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, click here or call (623) 930-2044.

Contact Councilmember Joyce Clark

Council Office: (623) 930-2249
Home Office: (623) 772-9795
E-mail: jclark@glendaleaz.com